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Buenos Aires, Argentina

August 10, 1979

Ms. Patricia Anne Lamkie

Dear Ms. Lamkie:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of July 27. I am a secretary in the Political Section and have been working with our Human Rights Officer since my arrival last December. I have become very interested in the human rights situation here in Argentina.

You asked for additional information on the welfare of Mr. Osvaldo M. Paviolo, presently detained in Argentina under the National Executive Power.

I am sorry to inform you that little new information concerning Mr. Paviolo is available at the present time. We have been able to determine that Mr. Paviolo applied for the right of option in 1978 with a visa from Italy but, unfortunately, his request was denied by the Government of Argentina in November of that same year.

I would suggest that your group contact the Italian Embassy in Buenos Aires to determine if they have information concerning Mr. Paviolo's present detention status and addresses of family members. The address of the Italian Embassy is: Billinghamurst 2577, 1425 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

I hope that the above information has been helpful. We will keep your letter on file, and will inform you of any new developments in Mr. Paviolo's case.

Sincerely,

Sandra Zyrkowski  
Secretary, Political Section

PS: I've attempted to contact the Italian Embassy by phone. If I develop any more information in the coming week, I'll send it along.

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